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World Bank extends \$122.5 million to Syria, Egypt

WASHINGTON, June 16 (R). — The World Bank today announced loans totalling \$122.5 million to Syria and Egypt for development projects. Syria will receive a \$50 million loan to finance a water-supply project designed to meet the needs of the city of Aleppo through 1991. Egypt will receive two loans from the bank — one for \$70 million and the other for \$2.5 million. The bank said the \$70 million loan is to help finance imports of raw materials, intermediate goods, and spare parts and replacement of obsolete or worn-out machinery.

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Brezhnev elected president of USSR

MOSCOW, June 16 (R). — Mr. Leonid Brezhnev, Communist Party leader for 13 years, today added the post of Soviet president to his growing list of titles as former head of state Nikolai Podgorny was ousted in clear disgrace.

Mr. Brezhnev, 70, was elected head of state by the Supreme Soviet, the country's parliament, only minutes after the 1,517 deputies approved without debate a proposal that the 74-year-old Mr. Podgorny be retired "on pension".

The two developments, the final stage of the first top-level shake-up in the Kremlin since the dismissal of Nikita Khrushchev in 1964, had been widely expected since the outgoing president was dropped from the Communist Party's ruling Politburo on May 24.

Mr. Brezhnev, the first leader in the 60-year-history of the Soviet Union to combine the top party and state jobs, was proposed for the presidency by his Politburo colleague Mikhail Suslov.

Mr. Suslov, 74, has since the early 1960s been regarded as the "king-maker" without whose support no major Kremlin changes could be made. He had led the party chief as an outstanding leader both on the home and foreign scene.

The new president, the seventh man to hold the post since the 1917 Bolshevik revolution, then took the rostrum in the

grand Kremlin Palace to declare that he recognised the combined nature of the two posts — now the rule in most communist countries — would be "no easy matter".

But, he said, "the will of the party, the will of the Soviet people and the interests of our socialist homeland have always been for me the supreme law to which I have subordinated my entire life."

The former steel-mill engineer who served as a political commissar in the army during World War II now holds more of the trappings of power than any Soviet leader apart from Josef Stalin.

Last year he was made a Marshal of the Soviet Union, he heads the semi-secret State Defence Council, and he has received many more decorations and state awards than Mr. Khrushchev amassed during his 11 years at the Kremlin helm.

Today Mr. Podgorny, whose portrait had already been removed from public places and government offices over the past three weeks although he was nominally still president, was not in the hall when the Supreme Soviet session started.

But within seconds of opening the proceedings, Mr. Alexei Shitikov, chairman of one of the two houses of the Supreme Soviet, proposed that Mr. Podgorny be relieved of his post "at his own request in connection with his retirement on pension."



NEW TITLE — Soviet Communist Party leader Leonid Brezhnev (right) accepts applause after Soviet Parliament voted, Thursday, to make him president in addition to his other titles. (AP wire-photo).

U.K., U.S., Soviets hold talks on test ban treaty

LONDON, June 16 (R). — Britain and the United States are to meet the Soviet Union for talks on a comprehensive test ban treaty, Prime Minister James Callaghan told parliament today.

"I hope that an announcement of the date and place for starting the tripartite discussions will be made shortly and that they will begin next month," he said.

The prime minister said Britain had worked closely with the United States and Soviet Union in the past on nuclear arms control and he recalled negotiations of the 1963 partial test ban treaty and the 1968 non-proliferation treaty.

"It has long been our policy to favour a comprehensive test

ban, provided that it can be adequately verified and ensures that peaceful nuclear explosions are not used to obtain military benefits," he said.

"I therefore welcomed President Carter's announcement earlier this year that he intended to make renewed efforts to negotiate a comprehensive test ban treaty with the Soviet Union."

"I told him that he could rely on our full support."

There has followed an exchange of correspondence between myself and President Carter and President Brezhnev, with the result that the United Kingdom will participate with the United States and the Soviet Union in discussions aimed at the negotiation of a comprehensive test ban treaty.

Janata Party consolidates its grip on north Indian state elections

NEW DELHI, June 16 (R). — India's ruling Janata Party, in office less than three months, today consolidated its grip on the northern Hindi-speaking half of the country with the latest state elections results.

The Janata Party gained control of seven state assemblies on its own and will form a government with its electoral allies in an eighth Punjab.

Only two of the 10 states where elections were held resisted the Janata onslaught — West Bengal where a Marxist Communist — led front headed for power, and Tamil Nadu in the south where a regional party will take office.

The ruling party now controls alone or in alliance with other parties, 11 out of India's 22 states. Until the elections were called, all but two of the country's states had Congress Party or Congress-led governments.

The Janata victories were mainly at the expense of Cong-

ress, which ruled India since independence and is still struggling to recover from its demoralising defeat in the March general election.

The Congress leadership may be in for a fresh spell of heart-searching with renewed calls for former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi to relinquish her grip on the Party's National Organisation.

Mrs. Gandhi survived an attempt to cut her influence after the March election defeat, largely attributed to excesses committed during her 21 months of emergency rule from mid-1975. She succeeded in getting her nominee, Mr. Brahmananda Reddy, chosen as Party President two months ago.

The two most intriguing election results came in the states where Janata fared worst. In West Bengal, overpopulated and highly industrialised, the Marxist Communist Party (CPI-M) will be in the government for the third time in a decade.

Libyan official arrives to push Arab summit

AMMAN, (R). — Libyan Foreign Secretary Abdul Salam Tureiki arrived here from Damascus Thursday to sound out Jordan's view on Col. Muammar Qadhafi's call for an Arab summit.

He is believed to be the most senior Libyan official ever to come here since Col. Qadhafi took power eight years ago.

The official Jordan News Agency said he was bearing a message to King Hussein from the Libyan leader about his call for a summit in Tripoli to discuss developments in the region and try to agree on a common Arab position.

Jordan has already given its support to a similar summit proposal made by President Ibrahim Al Hamdi of South Yemen, according to San'a Radio. The Yemeni leader did not specify where it should be held.

Dr. Tureiki, who is on a tour of Arab capitals to deliver messages from Col. Qadhafi, said the Libyan invitation had received "a favourable response and understanding" in Damascus. He saw President Hafez Assad late last night.



His Majesty King Hussein delivers his speech at the opening of the Yarmouk University, Thursday. (JNA photo).

As Irbid fetes silver jubilee King Hussein opens Yarmouk University

IRBID (JNA). — His Majesty King Hussein crowned his visit to Irbid Thursday by inaugurating Yarmouk University, which in turn awarded him with an honorary doctorate of science.

In a speech, the King described the university as the guide of society — its ears and eyes that open up on the great world.

"It ought to look and see as far as it can; pick up everything useful and sound; and digest and transfer it in the correct manner. Then, and only then, will it be faithful both to itself and others," the King said.

King Hussein said he is confident that Yarmouk University will accompany the "caravan of contemporary civilisation", and at the same time give due attention to spiritual and human values. It should be guided by the precepts of Arab civilisation and heritage.

The King urged the university staff to carry out their great mission solemnly, faithfully and diligently in order to achieve the great objectives of their newly-founded institution.

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European security meet opens on conciliatory note in Belgrade

BELGRADE, June 16 (R). — U.S. and Soviet diplomats called today for a constructive approach at the European security conference, in which human rights are a crucial issue.

Both super powers told the 35-state Conference on European Security and Cooperation they wanted to avoid polemics. The human rights issue was not directly mentioned, but it was a key underlying theme as delegates faced many potentially troublesome procedural hurdles.

The first working session in the conference's preparatory stage saw a minor East-West skirmish when Britain asked for its nameplate to be changed to show the British government is currently president of the European Common Market's Council of Ministers.

There were immediate objections from the Soviet Union, Hungary and Romania, and the conference moved quickly on to other business, leaving Britain's request unresolved.

Chief Soviet delegate Yuli Vorontsov called for a "constructive, businesslike atmosphere" to enable 200 senior diplomats to lay ground rules for a higher-level conference next autumn.

"It is important that all states should demonstrate goodwill, and should strive to contribute to further improvement of the political atmosphere in Europe," Mr. Vorontsov said.

The Soviet delegate appealed for an "exchange of views in a positive manner."

This was seen by Western diplomats as a strong hint that the Soviet Union will try to accentuate positive aspects in reviewing obligations on security, trade and human contacts endorsed by the first European security summit conference in Helsinki in 1975.

The seven-nation Soviet bloc was reliably understood to be preparing proposals to give priority to generalised debate when the full second-stage conference takes place, rather than the detailed committee studies favoured by the West, which would permit in depth scrutiny of human rights in Eastern Europe.

ended debate on all detente issues, including human rights, at all stages of the autumn review conference.

Although the preparatory talks have barely started, Mr. Sherer said they were "going better than perhaps I anticipated at the start."

U.S. delegate Albert W. Sherer, in a brief first speech, also appealed for a constructive outcome.

"We believe it is in the best interest of security and cooperation in Europe to avoid unnecessary polemics and delays, and to demonstrate our ability to work together to arrive at an early agreement on the technical matters which are before this meeting," Mr. Sherer declared.

Mr. Sherer told reporters the U.S. delegation regarded the first Soviet statement in the six-week preparatory talks as "basically constructive."

The U.S. joined Britain in sponsoring a detailed nine-page procedural programme for opening.

U.S. walks out of U.N. meet

UNITED NATIONS, June 16 (R). — The United States today walked out of a U.N. meeting commemorating the first anniversary of the Soweto killings in South Africa after learning that Israel had not been invited to participate.

Representatives of a number of West European countries also spent much of the two-hour meeting discussing among themselves what action they should take.

They finally decided to remain.

But informed sources said their delegations would make their views known within the next few days to the Organisation of African Unity's U.N. Observer Office, which sent out the invitations.

According to early vote count Suarez wins Spain's general elections

MADRID, June 16 (R). — Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez and his centre-right coalition today won Spain's first free general elections.

But the Spanish Socialist Party (PSOE) was strongly in second place.

Interior Minister Rodolfo Martin Villa told a press conference the Democratic Centre Union (UCD) of Senor Suarez would secure about 170 of the 350 seats in the Lower House of parliament and 106 of the 207 elected Senate seats.

He said this calculation was based on 75 per cent of the returns but should be very close to the final results.

The new parliament will rewrite the constitution and complete replacement of the late Gen. Franco's 40-year dictatorship by a democracy.

In the Congress or Lower House, Senor Martin Villa said the Socialist Party would get 115 seats, the Communists 20, the right-wing Popular Alliance 15, the Basque Nationalist Party 10, and the centre-left Democratic Pact of Catalonia 10. The remaining 10 seats would be split among smaller parties.

In the Senate, Senor Martin Villa said the Socialists would get 60 seats, the Communists eight and the Popular Alliance three.

He gave no figures for other parties. But he said the rest of the Senate seats were allotted in small numbers to several groups.

Political observers said that in the light of results announced by the interior minister, Senor Suarez was expected to form a government instead of bringing the Socialists into a coalition. Since he had come close to an absolute majority, it would not be difficult to pick up the necessary votes in parliament to assure passage of government bills.

Suspense and frustration gripped smoke-filled party headquarters and government offices during the night as the vote-counting machinery slowed down and issued only a trickle of results.

At one point, it looked as if Prime Minister Suarez, who has been running Spain for 11 months, would be forced to form a coalition government with the Socialists of Senor Felipe Gonzalez, 35, a lawyer from Seville.

Young Socialists sang and danced outside the party headquarters in the early hours as first returns showed they were running a strong second.

Some chanted: "Espana mañana sera republicana" (Spain will be republican tomorrow). They were silenced by their colleagues, and Senor Gonzalez later told reporters he would respect the monarchy if it had popular support.

As the returns slowed down especially in Madrid, some Socialists voiced suspicion that the results were being manipulated or withheld.

"I firmly reject allegations of a government attempt to withhold the results," Senor Martin Villa said.

Delays were due to technical problems also experienced in a national referendum last December which approved the prime minister's proposals to dismantle the Franco dictatorship, he said.

Senor Suarez was reluctant to bring the Socialists in to the government.

Last April, the army condemned the lifting of a ban on the Communist Party and served notice that it would not stand by idly while the monarchy and the unity of Spain were endangered.

In the event, the Communists only gained 7.51 per cent of the poll by the time 70.1 per cent of the votes were counted.

Prime Minister Suarez took 34.59 per cent of the votes, while the Socialists had 26.26 per cent and the Popular Alliance 8.18 per cent at this stage in the counting.

Three explosions shake east sector of Beirut

BEIRUT, June 16 (R). — Three big explosions shook Beirut's rightist district of Ashrafieh tonight, two days after an explosion ripped apart a pharmacy in leftist Western Beirut, residents reported.

Details were not immediately known.

In Sidon in the south rightist and leftist-Palestinian forces today exchanged intermittent artillery fire, but no casualties were reported.

Travellers from the area said several shells fell on the outskirts of the leftist-held market town of Nabatieh and nearby villages.

The rightists, entrenched in the Qle'a and Marjeyoun regions, shelled their adversaries in Arououn who returned the fire, the travellers added.

They also reported that Israeli warplanes carried out several sorties in the south, concentrating on Nabatieh and Arqoub, once dubbed as "Fatehland" after the major Palestinian commando organisation.

Mr. Kamal Shatila, Secretary General of the Front of Nationalist Parties — a coalition of pro-Syrian groups — said today Israel was trying to exploit developments in the south to disturb peace in Lebanon and attack Syria.

In Kfar Kila, close to the Israeli border, the commando leader of rightwing forces in the south, Maj. Saad Haddad, today accused Syria of coming to the aid of the Palestinians and bombarding positions inside an embattled rightist enclave near the sensitive frontier with Israel.

Maj. Haddad alleged that "the Syrians are shelling us with 130 mm artillery and 240 mm rockets from a position at Kfar Meshki... They are openly siding with the Palestinians and their leftist allies." It is no longer a secret that Israel provides artillery support to the rightists, and the Israelis appear to consider part of the border region as an area under their control and authority.

"Move your car, will you?" an Israeli army captain barked at Reuter's correspondent Bernd Debusmann, parked opposite a gate in the border fence. "And make it snappy, you are obstructing our line of fire," he added, speaking English.

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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Jordanian dailies Wednesday were concerned with Prime Minister Badran's press conference, Israeli escalation of tension in the Mideast and the anniversary of the massacres in Soweto.

AL SHAB' said it is safe to say that Prime Minister Mudar Badran's press conference gave more than one proof that his government has a clear vision and a positive method. Mr. Badran sincerely recalled all government efforts in the past few months and summarised all future plans. Such an act demonstrates how the government lives up to fulfilling the daily needs of its citizens, starting with the effort to provide the basic needs of water, electricity, bread and sugar and serious efforts to provide labourers and employees with suitable accommodations.

The government, in these actions, has first and foremost in mind the interests of the citizens.

Above all the press conference gave more than one proof that the government has a clear vision for the nation. This vision directs cooperation between Jordan and the Arab World on one hand and between Jordan and the world on the other hand.

Mr. Badran emphasised that Jordan's relation with the Arab World stems from the belief that Jordan supports a unified Arab stand and coordination of policy with the Arab World, especially with the confrontation states.

The paper concluded by calling for more and more similar press conferences.

Al Dustour said that Israel has succeeded recently in creating a tense and provoking atmosphere which the Middle East area has not witnessed in several years. It has managed to do this through the provoking statements of its military leaders, military actions in the south of Lebanon and hysterical practices for national mobilisation.

The paper said that this atmosphere created by Israel is a warning which should not be ignored.

It could mean the prelude to an adventure by the military to create a new reality in the area especially in the south of Lebanon. It is not far-fetched that currently Israel aims to paralyse the Arabs, hinder the economic endeavour

of the conformation states and keep investments away from countries which participate in the economic build-up.

The paper added that Israel's escalation of tension provides both a challenge to Carter's peace efforts and is an attempt to abort these efforts. It is also a conspiracy that should be taken into account by the Arabs.

The paper added that though it is the duty of the Arabs to be aware of the Israeli conspiracy this does not absolve the international world from responsibility, especially when the United Nations can stand against Israel and can call the Security Council to convene.

The paper believes that if the Security Council convenes, there is a great possibility that it would warn Israel. Since Carter's Middle East stand one would not expect the usual American veto in the Security Council.

The paper concluded by saying that perhaps Carter's resolution not to look into a joint American Israeli production of F 16 planes would make Israel aware of the red light from Washington. The paper hoped that Carter's daring resolution would be the beginning of harder resolutions which would stand in the face of the Israeli conspiracy. It also hoped that the United Nations, now safe from the American veto, would abort such a conspiracy by the Israelis.

Al Akhbar in an editorial entitled "Soweto: Symbol of racist resistance" said that since last year, Soweto has ceased to be a town merely crowded with Africans earning low wages working in the factories and farms of white settlers. Soweto is no longer a town where racists can fulfill their desires.

The paper added that at this time last year the African "glant" rebelled. Soweto paid the price of 500 killed in order to change from a submissive town to a town symbolising African resistance against racism.

On that special day, a year ago, racist troops from Johannesburg turned Soweto into a battle field. The troops tried to warn the Africans against rebelling. But Soweto survived, and it is no longer a "land for massacres" but a land for resurrecting a new African personality.

The paper concluded that Soweto is ready to pay the price for liberty by continuing its resistance.

COMMONWEALTH DAYS

As the representative of Seychelles listens in, Kenneth Kaunda attempts to explain to New Zealand P.M. Muldoon what he means by support for all blacks



THE R.A.F. Reported an unidentified flying object overhead during the conference



Trudeau and Makarios joined in a chorus of the old-time pop favourite "Breaking Up is Hard to Do."

At the Conference Bring-and-Buy Jumble Sale, Moraji Desai offered excellent bargains in used prison clothing.

As Canadian cartoonist Peter Pickersgill saw the Commonwealth Conference in London

Burma's economy needs tighter management

By Christopher Goddard

RANGOON, (Gemin) — The frail elderly English lady on the Thai Airways flight from Calcutta to Rangoon turned to her travelling companion. "I cannot wait to sell my things," she whispered excitedly.

Her "things" were clutched on her lap in the Calcutta Duty Free Shop plastic carrier bag. A quart bottle of Johnny Walker Red Label whisky and a pack of 200 Benson and Hedges cigarettes. Most people's introduction to Burma starts at a duty-free shop in Bangkok, Calcutta or Delhi.

The whisky and cigarettes purchased there for around \$10 sell in Rangoon for 300 kyats (pronounced chuts), about \$46 at the official rate of exchange.

In Mandalay and the remoter parts of Burma the price is 20 per cent higher. Barely through the customs formalities, where the genial Burmese officials themselves smoke the same brand of cigarettes, the haggling starts.

Men appear from everywhere offering to buy the duty-free allowance. The elderly English lady bargains for what she knows to be the correct price and takes a taxi to her hotel.

Further examples of General Ne Win's "Burmese way to socialism" are only too apparent. Every organised tour party stops at the Diplomatic Shop, a stone's throw from the famous gilded Sule Pagoda.

Here everything that is not freely available in Burma, and that is a lot, can be bought by the traveller in foreign currency. As soon as you approach the shop people approach you: "Please buy me some cheese." "Please buy me some beer," the offers are numerous. They will buy anything from you at three times the price you pay in pounds or dollars.

But it is Mandalay, a city of a quarter of a million people, in the so-called cultural centre of the country, that the final indictment of Burma's strictly regimented "socialism" can be found.

Mandalay swelters on the east bank of the Irrawaddy River, but in the comparative cool of the evening, every evening between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., the centre of the city is closed to vehicular traffic, and hundreds of small stalls are set up in the streets.

Every other stall is covered in an array of smuggled goods. There is beer from America, fruit juices from Poland, whisky from Scotland, fashionable shoes from Calcutta and Bangkok, radios and cassette players from Japan.

Even posters of Brigitte Bardot and the Rolling Stones have been smuggled into Burma and are openly displayed. Smuggled medications appear to be one speciality. On one stall I saw English contraceptive pills, and even intra-uterine devices hanging on a dirty piece of string, exposed to the atmosphere.

The police were conspicuous by their total absence. Occasionally a token raid on the market is made, but the smuggling and black-marketeering continue, and appear to be Burma's biggest industry.

Virtually everything in Burma is rationed. Even the basics of everyday life for the poorest family, i.e. rice, cooking oil, charcoal, etc. are rationed.

So the black market extends to indigenous goods: The richer families, who prefer not to eat their full ration of rice, sell it on the black market, and buy imported goods, or less freely available Burmese food.

The poorer families, who ev-

idently cannot get enough rice, sell other rations in order to get sufficient to eat. As always, where demand so far outstrips supply, and the supply is an "underground" one, the dangers of adulteration and imitation are enormous.

Much of the adulteration/unfortunately, is not merely harmless profiteering. Ingenuity and irresponsibility know no bounds. Textile dyes are used to make sweets and cakes more attractive. Even weed-killers have been used in the production of candy.

Medicines, in short supply, are by no means exempt from the less than scrupulous profiteer; both foreign and indigenous produced injections are imitated and on sale, often with disastrous consequences.

The black market, the smuggling, the dangerous adulteration, are all symptomatic of a deep malaise throughout Burma. When the army took over in 1962 it was openly afraid that the country would disintegrate in the face of secessionist movements and rebellions.

Although they have succeeded in maintaining a reasonably unified Burma, their management of the economy has been a disaster. Almost everything was nationalised: Industry, banks, most of the transport system, the sale of essential commodities; almost everything was ultimately mismanaged.

The military were placed in charge of each sector, although most officers had to resign their military roles to run the civilian organisations. The level of inefficiency grew and dissatisfaction was openly expressed by an amateurish and abortive coup last year.

What shook the Socialist Programme Party, and the President, General Ne Win, was that the attempt was made by a section of the same privileged military, the elite of the state.

Banditry and secessionism are still a headache, as is steering the delicate political path between East and West; but these are now minor problems. In order to stay in power General Ne Win has to set the economy straight.

Burma's potential wealth is enormous, and its forestry and mineral resources are capable of lifting the country back on its feet. But investment is needed, both cash from abroad and private capital, and to attract it, the gross mismanagement at present rife throughout the country must end. Only token gestures have been made so far.

There are growing signs that the Burmese people are tired of the repeated exhortations to be true socialists in a country that shows little evidence of socialism.

Queuing for a ticket for the train to Mandalay, a Burmese man advised me to go to see the station master. "Foreigners can get tickets from him," he said. I asked him if it was not possible for him to do the same. He replied that it wasn't.

"But I have another alternative," he added with a smile. "I can always buy a ticket on the black market."

The Burmese are a friendly people; they seek out foreigners in cafes and hotels and are anxious for news of the rest of the world. A foreigner will rarely be overcharged or deliberately short-changed.

And when a taxi-driver sensed my astonishment at the high taxi fare, and the meter decaying through disuse, he explained that he had the same source as everyone else for most of his petrol: The black market.

"The country is getting poorer and the smugglers grow richer and richer. India will soon be streets ahead of us," he continued. "But" he smiled "one day we will have real socialism."

Fissures appear in U.K. Labour, Liberal pact

LONDON, June 16 (AFP). — The issue of Europe is endangering the pact between British Prime Minister James Callaghan's Labour government and the Liberal Party which has threatened to withdraw its vital support and precipitate general elections.

The Liberals, whose 13 votes in parliament saved the Labour government last March, are now expressing dissatisfaction with the way things are going on a number of issues.

Liberal Party leader David Steel said in a television interview last night that he was "not sure we will be able to secure another agreement" in the autumn.

"The Labour Party is proving a difficult, fragile and internally-divided partner. Unless they pull themselves together, we may have to have an election in the autumn," Mr. Steel warned.

The so-called "Lib-Lab" pact in March was based on at least tacit agreement on three points: the fight against inflation, devolution or the granting of regional powers to Scotland and Wales, and the question of Europe.

Government economic policy has been threatened, however, by increasing trade union reluctance to agree to another year of the "social contract" limiting wage increases and by parliamentary committee cuts in the proposed budget.

Regarding devolution, the government Tuesday gave up plans to submit a bill to parliament in this session because of opposition within and among the political parties.

In addition, the prime minister announced a free vote next month for cabinet members on the government's bill providing for direct elections to the European Parliament.

In parliament yesterday, opposition conservative party spokesman Douglas Hurd asked how the government expected to be taken seriously within the European Economic Community "when government ministers are allowed to speak

and vote against government policy."

But Foreign Secretary David Owen, who personally presented the government's case in parliament, expressed the conviction that "by allowing M.P.s to exercise their own independent free judgment, there is more chance of this legislation being carried through to the statute book."

Tuesday's events were further complicated by the fact that two Labour M.P.s helped the Conservative minority cut the government's proposed budget and that some 100 Labour M.P.s signed a motion asking that Britain withdraw from the Common Market.

Yesterday Mr. Steel, the Liberal leader, asked that the government text on European elections come out clearly in favour of proportional representation. Previously, the government had planned to set out the possible choices without indicating a preference.

If the Labour government wants to survive, it must bow to the Liberal demands. But that could in turn lead to a break between Labour's anti-European leftwing which opposes devolution and salary control policy and the centre and rightwing of the party.

Mr. Callaghan's only hope is that the Liberals will not act on their threats for fear of an electoral defeat.

If the prime minister can obtain a period of grace, he could use it to work on the economic climate, taking advantage of the first results from his revenue policy and from North Sea oil profits, and appearing before voters at a later date with a better chance of success.

Meanwhile, the Bank of England was forced to intervene yesterday to prevent sterling from breaking through the ceiling of \$1.72.

The stock exchange turned lower following the recent political and economic uncertainties, and the Financial Times industrial shares index was down 5.3 at 450.1.

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WEST BANK HEAD RESIGNS OVER ELECTRIC LINKUP WITH ISRAEL

TEL AVIV, June 16 (R). — The head of the local council of Dir Al Ghosun, on the Israeli-occupied West Bank, resigned today following a dispute with council members over connecting the town electricity system to the Israeli grid, Arab sources said today.

The council leader, Mr. Mansur Khalil, objected to the connection and when the majority of the council voted in favour he presented his resignation to the military governor.

Dajani returns from Cairo meet

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of Industry and Commerce Dr. Najmeddine Dajani returned here Thursday evening after participating in the 29th session of the Council of Arab Economic Unity, which ended its meetings in Cairo Wednesday.

In a statement to reporters, Dr. Dajani said that one of the most important items discussed was an expansion of the Arab Common Market to include a larger number of countries.

He said that eight Arab states had expressed their willingness to join the market.

The Jordanian delegation insisted that the petroleum-producing countries wishing to join should abide by all the exemptions would be needed for rules of the market, but some other countries so they too could join, the minister stressed.

JAPANESE ENVOY HERE TO PROBE M.E. SITUATION

AMMAN (JNA). — Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim received the visiting head of the Middle East and African Affairs Department at the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thursday.

Discussion centred on the Middle East conflict and the reconvening of the Geneva Middle East peace conference. Bilateral relations were also discussed.

The meeting was attended by the Japanese ambassador to Jordan.

The Japanese official arrived here Wednesday on a three-day visit to sound out opinions on the Middle East conflict. He will visit Syria after his stay here.



Two members of the Soviet Association for Friendship and Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries -- deputy head Yevgeni Ivanov and head of the Friendship Association in the Azerbaijani Republic Nabie Boboev -- meet with newsmen and university professors at the Jordan Press Foundation Thursday evening. The delegation, here for a week, also visited Jarash and Ajloun Thursday.

Jordan Valley team leaves for London For talks on irrigation projects

AMMAN (JNA). — A Jordan Valley Authority delegation Thursday left for London to conduct studies with two companies on the technical and economic feasibility of the second phase of the East Ghor irrigation project.

The delegation will conduct studies with the Chicago-based Harze Company and the Jordanian-Lebanese company, Dar Al Handasah. It will also hold talks with officials of Arab and international funds, such as USAID, the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development, the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the World Bank and the German Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau.

The Jordanian delegation, led by Mr. Omar Abdallah, the Director of the Jordan Valley Authority, includes his deputy, the director of the National Planning Council, the under-secretary at the Ministry of Agriculture and other officials from the authority and the planning council.

The JD 160 million project will ensure irrigation for 360,000 dunums of land in the whole of the Jordan Valley. Its main component is the construction of Alaqaron Dam on the Yarmouk River. The 150-metre high dam will store 250 million cubic metres of water. A 20 MW power station will also be installed at the dam site.

The East Ghor Canal will be extended 14.5 kms. to reach the Dead Sea. This extension will ensure the permanent irrigation of 100,000 dunums in that area, in addition to other land to the east of the canal between Wadi Yabes and Kraymah.

Design work on the project will start in July.

After completion, sprinklers will be used to irrigate all land that lies west of the canal between the Yarmouk River in the north and the Masri Triangle in the south.

U.N. expert on arid lands arrives here

AMMAN (JNA). — A fodder expert at the United Nations Agricultural Research Centre for Arid Territories, Dr. Sumara, arrived here Thursday on a short visit for discussions on how to increase fodder production in Jordan.

He will collect a number of specimens of potherb seeds to study their use in the arid areas of Jordan and other Arab countries. He will also test their suitability for planting throughout Jordan to help increase fodder production and improve animal wealth.

The visit comes within the framework of cooperation between the centre at Aleppo and the Ministry of Agriculture.

NEW AMBASSADORS SWORN IN TODAY

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan's two newly-appointed ambassadors, Dr. Nassereddine Assad in Saudi Arabia and Mr. Yaq'ub Oweiss in Romania, were sworn in before His Majesty King Hussein at the Royal Hashemite Court Thursday. Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim attended the ceremony.

King Hussein opens Yarmouk University

(Continued from page 1)

Tens of thousands of people gathered in the town to greet the King when he arrived in the morning accompanied by His Highness Prince Mohammad, as well as the chief of the Royal Court, commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces, court chamberlain and court minister.

At the entrance to the university campus, the King was welcomed by Mr. Badran, members of the Royal Commission on Yarmouk University and staff wearing their university robes.

King Hussein and his companions were entertained to lunch by Governor of Irbid Ma'moun Khalil at the university site.

Later in the evening, the King attended a big sports festival held by the Directorate of Education in the governorate.

His Majesty also watched a tattoo performance by the Jordanian Army Band.

Thursday was a public holiday in all Irbid Governorate for His Majesty's silver jubilee.

Planning subcommittee approves project guide

AMMAN (JNA). — A new guide to be used for evaluating development projects in Jordan and Syria was approved by the technical committee of the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Committee for Planning and Development, which concluded its three-day meeting at the National Planning Council Thursday.

It approved the findings and reports of its subcommittees, which recently held a series of meetings in Damascus to study development plans and draw up the guide.

The new guide will be a final document for evaluating projects of less than JD 2 million in value. It will also serve as a preliminary document for evaluating projects of more than that value.

The two parties made projections in the social and economic fields up to the year 2000.

Statistical subcommittees will hold a meeting soon to draw up a programme for unifying work concepts, aims and patterns. The sub-committee will also conduct surveys in the agricultural and industrial fields.

The Jordanian delegation to the meeting was led by Dr. Tayseer Abdul Jaher, Secretary General of the National Planning Council, while the Syrian delegation was headed by Dr. Mohammad Ahrash, the Under Secretary at the Syrian Ministry of Planning.

Joint security body meets

AMMAN (JNA). — The joint Jordanian-Syrian committee looking into the standardisation of laws and regulations for the interior ministries in the two countries started its meetings here Thursday.

During the week-long meeting at the Ministry of Interior here, discussions will centre on the unification of the administrative structure of the two ministries and the standardisation of police laws and codes for radio communication.

The Syrian delegation to the meetings will look over procedures adopted by police stations here. A Jordanian delegation had previously inspected Syrian police work.

The committee held its last meeting in Damascus at the end of April.

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Secret papers reveal price rigging by uranium cartel

By Bob Horton

WASHINGTON, June 16 (R). — Secret documents released today by a congressional investigative subcommittee reinforced claims that an international cartel rigged the price of uranium in the world market over the last three years.

Twenty-eight previously secret papers, including some which the Canadian government had sought to suppress, were released by a House of Representatives investigative subcommittee after nearly a year of probing into the alleged uranium price-fixing.

The documents identified members of the uranium "club" as companies in Australia, South Africa, France, West Germany and Canada.

"From the documents the subcommittee has already examined, it is abundantly clear that an international cartel rigged the price of uranium in the world market for at least three years," Chairman John Moss said when issuing subpoenas for six present and former officials of the Gulf Oil Company for questioning.

The price of raw uranium has increased from \$6 to \$41 a pound (about £7 to £53 a

kilo) in the last four years.

The cartel's 1972 policy decisions to control prices and production quotas came to light last year when the Westinghouse Corporation defaulted on contracts to supply processed uranium to more than 20 public utility companies because of a seven-fold price increase.

Westinghouse then brought an anti-trust suit against Gulf and 29 other uranium-producing firms claiming they had fixed prices and engaged in other anti-competitive practices.

The subcommittee documents indicated that Gulf knew five years ago it risked violating U.S. anti-trust laws when a Canadian subsidiary entered the international cartel.

The documents also indicated that the Canadian government encouraged, if not demanded, the Gulf subsidiary's participation in the self-styled uranium producers' club.

The Gulf subsidiary in question is Gulf Minerals Canada, which sent top officials to a secret Paris meeting in May 1972 when the cartel laid down its policy for "stabilising the price of uranium," according to the documents.

The cartel members met a month later in a secret Johannesburg session to put their price and quota policies into effect, the document said.

Other documents: — Portrayed Western Mining Company of Australia as a maverick which threatened to wreck the cartel's price policies by offering uranium as cheaply as \$4 dollars per pound, instead of the \$6.25 the club wanted at that time.

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Saudi Development Fund makes first loan to S. Yemen

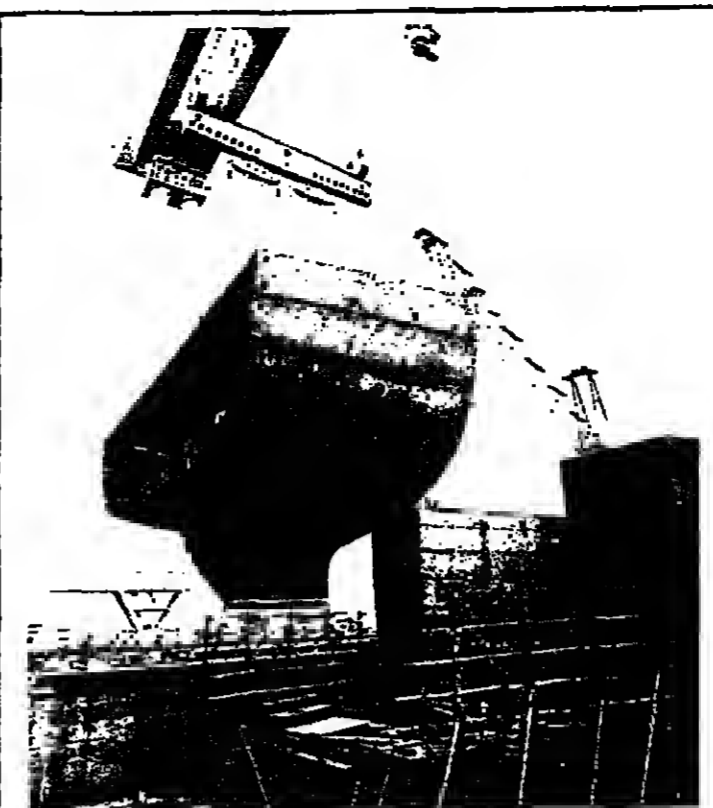
AMMAN, June 16 (R). — Saudi Arabia is to lend South Yemen 70 million Saudi riyals (about £11 million) under an agreement signed in Riyadh yesterday.

The loan, granted by the Saudi Development Fund, will be used to finance an electric power project, the radio said.

The project includes the construction of a power station with six 10-megawatt generating units and two 132-kilovolt sub-stations, the radio added.

The total cost of the project, expected to be completed by the end of 1980 is estimated at about \$41 million, the radio said.

This was the first loan by the Saudi Development Fund to South Yemen it added. Saudi Arabia has for some time been trying to woo its southern neighbour away for Soviet Bloc influence.



MASSIVE SHIP COMPONENT — A huge 830-ton stern unit for the liquefied natural gas carrier El Paso Arzew is lifted into place at the Newport News (Virginia) Shipbuilding Company. An official said it was "the largest ship construction assembly ever built here, maybe the largest ever built anywhere." The El Paso Arzew is the second of three such craft under construction at "the world's largest shipyard."

Iran agrees to housing development

NEW YORK, June 16 (R). — Construction industry millionaire William J. Levitt, who pioneered a form of integral housing developments, yesterday announced a provisional agreement to build 14,100 apartment blocks in Iran for more than \$500 million.

Mr. Levitt said the Iranian buildings, all in Tehran, will be known as Levittshahr, which means Levittown.

The two, three and four storey garden apartments will sell for \$30,000 to \$40,000 each.

Mr. Levitt said that as in all American Levittowns, his company will build all neighbourhood shops, schools, swimming pools and other recreation facilities.

Bonn to advance Syria agricultural credits

BONN, June 16 (R). — West Germany will advance Syria 100 million marks (about £25 million) in agricultural credits, the government here announced yesterday.

The announcement followed two days negotiations between Syrian Planning Minister Georges Haurany and Bonn's Minister for Economic Cooperation (development aid) Marie Schlei.

At Syria's wish, the ministry

said, 65 million marks (about £16 million) will be allocated to a water project on the Orontes River. The project includes control of the Orontes, the boring of wells and digging of irrigation canals and roads.

The remainder of the credit will go into the fruit planting programme the ministry said.

The two sides agreed to concentrate future technical aid on agriculture and education the ministry added.

Indian, Pakistani firms win 2 Saudi Arabian contracts

AMMAN, June 16 (R). — Saudi Arabia has awarded two contracts worth more than 500 million riyals (about £84 million) to Pakistani and Indian companies, Riyadh Radio reported.

A 245-million riyal (about £41 million) contract has been awarded to the Pakistani Power and Construction Company of Al Kharij area, near Riyadh.

The contract signed by the Saudi Arabian Minister for Industry and Electric Power Dr. Ghazi Abdul Rahman Al Qusabiy yesterday, provides for

the project to be completed within 30 months.

The other contract worth 255 million riyals (about £43 million) provides for the electrification of the Gizan area on the border with North Yemen. It will also be completed within 30 months. It was signed yesterday with the Indian Baharat Company for electrical works.

A 572-million Saudi riyal (about £95 million) contract was awarded three days ago to a Korean firm, the Hyundai Construction Company, for the electrification of the Assir area south of the Red Sea port of Jeddah.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

* TOKYO, June 16 (R). — Representatives from 11 Middle East countries and Japan will meet next week to discuss port and harbour facilities in their countries, it was announced here today. The Japan Cooperation Centre for Middle East said Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Egypt, South Yemen, Bahrain, Libya, Tunisia and Jordan would take part. The conference, from June 22 to 24, will discuss harbour maintenance in the Middle East and Japanese technology for building ports and harbours.

* PARIS, June 16 (R). — France's trade deficit rose to 441 million francs (€52.5 million) in May from the 383 million francs (€45.5 million) in April, the Foreign Trade Ministry reported today. The worsening trade figures followed yesterday's news that French unemployment rose to a new post-war record of 1,096,700 in May, equivalent to about five per cent of the work force. France's trade deficit over the first five months of this year now totals 5.97 billion francs (€710 million) compared with 3.89 billion francs (€463 million) in the same period last year.

* KUWAIT, June 16 (AFP). — Kuwait has lent Malaysia 2,300,000 dinars (about \$7 million) to finance a palm-oil production unit, it was learned here today. Repayable in 23 years, with a period of seven years' grace, the loan carries interest of 4.5 per cent.

* BEIRUT, June 16 (R). — Saudi Arabia's oil exports dropped by about 1.4 million barrels per day last month, when the major fire in the country's second-largest onshore oil field disrupted production. In a statement to the Saudi Press Agency published in yesterday's press here, Saudi Under Secretary for Oil Abdul Aziz Abdallah Al Turki said that daily exports in May had averaged 8,110,622 barrels.

* LUXEMBOURG, June 16 (AFP). — France and its eight partners in the European Economic Community differed today over EEC Commission proposals calling for the establishment of a multi-annual EEC programme for aid to developing nations not associated with the community. Developing countries concerned by this issue mainly include Asian states, such as India and the least developed Latin American countries.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies against the dollar at the close of inter-bank trading on the London Foreign Exchange Market today. Tourist rates will differ from those quoted below.

One sterling	= 1.7192 / 94	U.S. dollars
One dollar	= 2.3535 / 45	West German marks
	2.4785 / 3800	Dutch guilders
	2.4875 / 85	Swiss francs
	36.045 / 055	Belgian francs
	4.9400 / 10	French francs
	885.05 / 20	Italian lire
	272.25 / 35	Japanese yen
	4.4190 / 4220	Swedish crowns
	5.2765 / 95	Norwegian crowns
	6.0440 / 70	Danish crowns

WALL STREET REPORT

Prices managed a moderate advance Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange, where the industrial average gained nearly three points in active trading.

Analysts noted that a stable trend in interest rates and hopes for an improved inflation picture based on recent declines in many commodity prices encouraged investors.

Advances outnumbered declines at the close by a 781 to 566 margin.

Aerospace shares were steady and General Dynamics gained 1-3/8 at 56.5. Electronics were mixed: RCA gained 1/2 at 32. Computers were weak.

At the close, the industrial average shows at 520.45, a gain of 2.88 points; Transp at 238.41, a gain of 0.63, utilities at 113.56, a gain of 0.13. 24,310,000 shares changed hands, of which 5,230,000 during the last hour.

LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market closed lower Thursday with the U.K. trade figures for May announced at the close, having little impact on sentiment, dealers said. At 15:00 the F.T. index was down 6.7 at 443.4.

The lower trend reflected political and economic uncertainties. Government bonds suffered most losing over a point among longer maturities initially before being reduced to 7/8. Shorts fell as much as 5/8 point.

Average falls among equity leaders ranged to 5p but isolated issues lost more. Golds rallied with the bullion price. U.S. and Canadians eased.

Hawker was 12p down while Bats finished 11p off. Losses of 5p or 6p were noted in Shell, Fisons, ICI, Metal Box, Thorn and Tube Investments. B.P. rose 14p largely in response to overseas interest, dealers said.

Trading news made for 10p falls in Tate and Lyle and Arthur Guinness but British and Commonwealth picked up 4p.

Price of gold closed in London Thursday at \$139.85 / oz.

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Arab fund makes 2 loans to Lebanon

KUWAIT, June 16 (R). — The Kuwait-based Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development is to provide Lebanon with two loans of 11 million Kuwaiti dinars (about £22 million), it was announced here today.

The first loan of six million Kuwaiti dinars will be used in reconstructing and strengthening Lebanon's electric power network, damaged by the 1975-76 civil war.

Officials here said the loan would contribute about 57 per cent of the total cost of the project.

The second loan of five million Kuwaiti dinars made up about 37 per cent of the total cost of constructing a fourth dock at Beirut's port, which would expand its capacity.

The two loans are repayable over 20 years with a grace period of five years and at six per cent interest.

Natural gas price to be fixed in London

KUWAIT, June 16 (AFP). — Natural gas producer countries will shortly fix prices for the final quarter of this year according to the Kuwaiti newspaper Al Anba, citing Oil Ministry officials.

The paper said a meeting for this purpose would be held in London from June 20 to 30, attended by Kuwait, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Algeria and Venezuela.

The meeting would be held within the framework of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), it

LOCAL EXCHANGE RATES

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

The first column is how much you would receive in Jordanian fils for selling a unit of the foreign currency, while the second column denotes how much it would cost you to buy a unit of the foreign currency:

Saudi riyal	92.6	93.0
Lebanese pound	107.0	108.1
Syrian pound	81	81.4
Iraqi dinar	938	947
Kuwaiti dinar	1140	1146
Egyptian pound	460	470
Libyan dinar	725	745
UAE dirham	83.8	84.3
U.K. sterling	569	575
U.S. dollar	590	592
German mark	140.4	140.8
French franc	68.9	67.2
Swiss franc	132.8	133.2
Italian lira (for every 100)	37.4	37.6

IN DEEP WATER

By Dorothea E. Shipp

- ACROSS
- 1 Prophet
 - 6 Canadian peninsula
 - 11 Collide
 - 16 Retrieves fly balls
 - 21 Seed covers
 - 22 Northern highway
 - 23 Terre — parts
 - 24 Forum garments
 - 25 Puts a value on
 - 26 Harbors
 - 27 Certain berry
 - 28 Kovacs or Pyla
 - 29 Tooth cover
 - 31 Exclamation
 - 32 Samoan port
 - 33 Stops: Fr.
 - 34 Superman
 - 40 Seasonal occasion
 - 41 Chemical compound
 - 42 Playground, in Paris
 - 46 Col. tchr.
 - 49 Dilas — (stews)
 - 52 S.A. land: abbr.
 - 55 Intestinal
 - 57 Humidity hazard
 - 59 Circle
 - 60 Day or parts
 - 62 Engine part
 - 64 Dress
 - 65 Stringed instrument
 - 66 Small spaca
 - 67 Winter pendant
 - 68 Poetic contraction
 - 69 — May Wong
 - 70 Red ochre
 - 71 Held on a
 - 72 Superhero
 - 73 Carried
 - 74 greeting
 - 78 Mythological giant
 - 78 Ancient command
 - 79 Cruising
 - 80 Boredom
 - 82 Whale
 - 84 Waugh
 - 87 Let — (forget the matter)
 - 90 — off (drove)
 - 91 Messiness
 - 95 Extremely unpleasant
 - 97 Arm bone
 - 99 — (Chin. phil.)
 - 101 Harangue
 - 102 Church instruments
 - 103 Aunt: Sp.
 - 104 Philippine island
 - 105 Certain pictures
 - 106 Uppity ones
 - 107 Jacket
 - 108 Senior
 - 110 Take pot-shots
 - 111 Make-laca picture
 - 112 Easily removed
 - 114 Duck
 - 116 Obtains: dial.
 - 117 Take — (travel)
 - 119 Rowing items
 - 121 Ignited
 - 123 Classified, as secrets
 - 132 Pupils: Fr.
 - 133 Rivers: Sp.
 - 134 — pros.
 - 135 Tear jerkers, maybe.
 - 137 Theater, for short
 - 138 Written: Fr.
 - 139 Lose control
 - 141 Fight
 - 142 Divert
 - 143 Dine of song
 - 144 Garson of films
 - 145 Occurring every eight days
 - 146 Kind of beam
 - 147 Less perilous
 - 148 Jet or turf
 - 149 Peruses

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 - 2 Figure, in art
 - 3 Hindu guitar
 - 4 Fragrant resin
 - 5 Ledger items
 - 6 Omission
 - 7 Island
 - 8 Go away!
 - 9 Something that evokes compassion
 - 10 Abstract being
 - 11 Duped
 - 12 Bellamy or Nader
 - 13 Murphy of movies
 - 14 Seafood item
 - 15 Possessive
 - 16 English novelist
 - 17 Dread
 - 18 Former veep
 - 19 Paces
 - 20 Notices
 - 21 Noose
 - 22 Insects
 - 23 Comic
 - 24 Crosby
 - 26 Scruffs
 - 27 Kind of worm
 - 28 "A miss — good..."
 - 29 Lark-like bird
 - 30 Cooper of song
 - 31 Pose for another picture
 - 32 Row poorly
 - 33 Lubricated
 - 34 Run away
 - 35 Shower
 - 36 Product of Socrates
 - 37 Kind of worm
 - 38 Porter and others
 - 39 Stupid
 - 40 Parseghian
 - 41 False trail
 - 42 See nymphs
 - 43 Indistinct golden "daffodils"
 - 44 Certain votes
 - 45 Plant fungus
 - 46 Zola novel
 - 47 Assist
 - 48 Apartment
 - 49 Buns
 - 50 Hall
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 - 60 Assist
 - 61 With love
 - 62 Dotted with stars: Her.
 - 63 Solves a cipher
 - 64 Drumbeat
 - 65 Not very often
 - 66 Stack
 - 67 Culture medium
 - 68 Kings: Sp.
 - 69 Kind of energy
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 - 85 Hawaiian
 - 86 Rope fiber
 - 87 Attempt
 - 88 Stow cargo
 - 89 School, for short
 - 90 Fat
 - 91 Regret
 - 92 Family circle member
 - 93 Terra — assured appearance!
 - 94 Israeli
 - 95 Airline
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 - 97 Sports org.
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 - 2 Kind of corner
 - 3 Crony
 - 11 Kind of review
 - 12 Stood
 - 15 Tempter
 - 18 Desinus
 - 17 Spiked, as a drink
 - 19 Late
 - 20 Vaudeville turn
 - 21 Surface road
 - 22 Kind of corner
 - 23 Listen
 - 24 Situated
 - 25 Letters
 - 27 Forum robe
 - 28 Jew, month
 - 30 Tranquilized
 - 31 Kind of play or house
 - 35 Presiding officer
 - 37 Yucatan natives
 - 39 Charles
 - 40 Hues
 - 42 Tomorrow's today
 - 44 Roman date
 - 46 Less sunny
 - 47 Dream: Fr.
 - 48 Branches
 - 49 — white
 - 50 Franchises
 - 53 Adamant
 - 54 Inlet
 - 55 Israeli politician
 - 57 Clay
 - 58 Quenched
 - 60 Fasten
 - 62 Stringed instrument
 - 63 Hoglike mammal
 - 64 Makes, as power
 - 65 Arab port
 - 67 Safe
 - 68 Ocean menace
 - 69 Lean-to
 - 70 DDWN
 - 71 Astaire
 - 72 Kind of raid
 - 73 Kind of estate
 - 74 At hand
 - 75 Supported
 - 76 Like a cereal ruler
 - 77 Russian ruler
 - 78 Fasting period
 - 79 Bird's movement
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 - 81 Removes
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 - 112 School, for short
 - 113 Fat
 - 114 Regret
 - 115 Family circle member
 - 116 Terra — assured appearance!
 - 117 Israeli
 - 118 Airline
 - 119 Cuvee
 - 120 Sports org.
 - 121 —Magnon

SOLUTIONS OF LAST WEEK'S PUZZLES

ACROSS

- 1 CARD
- 2 CORNER
- 3 CRONY
- 11 KIND
- 12 STOOD
- 15 TEMPTER
- 18 DESINUS
- 17 SPIKED
- 19 LATE
- 20 VAUDEVILLE
- 21 SURFACE
- 22 CORNER
- 23 LISTEN
- 24 SITUATED
- 25 LETTERS
- 27 FORUM
- 28 JEW
- 30 TRANQUILIZED
- 31 KIND
- 35 PRESIDING
- 37 YUCATAN
- 39 CHARLES
- 40 HUES
- 42 TOMORROW'S
- 44 ROMAN
- 46 LESS
- 47 DREAM
- 48 BRANCHES
- 49 WHITE
- 50 FRANCHISES
- 53 ADAMANT
- 54 INLET
- 55 ISRAELI
- 57 CLAY
- 58 QUENCHED
- 60 FASTEN
- 62 STRINGED
- 63 HOGLIKE
- 64 MAKES
- 65 ARAB
- 67 SAFE
- 68 OCEAN
- 69 LEAN-TO
- 70 DDWN
- 71 ASTAIRE
- 72 KIND
- 73 KIND
- 74 AT HAND
- 75 SUPPORTED
- 76 LIKE
- 77 RUSSIAN
- 78 FASTING
- 79 BIRD'S
- 80 WINDSHIELD
- 81 REMOVES
- 82 ROMAN
- 83 CULTURE
- 84 KINGS
- 85 KIND
- 86 HARROW
- 87 PHILANTHROPIST
- 88 DEVIL-MAY-CARE
- 89 WAS
- 90 TURNCOATS
- 91 FEATURED
- 92 MORE
- 93 STERN
- 94 HOLLAND
- 95 BEGINNING
- 96 JABBING
- 97 AT ANY TIME
- 98 PUTS AWAY
- 99 ABOMINABLE
- 100 AN TIC
- 101 HOLLAND
- 102 BEGINNING
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- 104 AT ANY TIME
- 105 PUTS AWAY
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- 108 HAWAIIAN
- 109 ROPE
- 110 ATTEMPT
- 111 STOW
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- 113 FAT
- 114 REGRET
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- 116 TERRA
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- 120 SPORTS
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- 81 Did nothing
- 82 Follows
- 84 — of golden "daffodils"
- 85 — Doone
- 86 Plant fungus
- 88 Abstract cement
- 89 Potpourris
- 91 Drench
- 92 Skillful
- 94 Certain votes
- 96 Those with power
- 98 Zola novel
- 100 Assist
- 104 Office worker: Fr.
- 107 Goddess of discord
- 108 Norwegian king
- 109 Bones of the limbs
- 112 Makes a boo-boo
- 113 Fan
- 115 It. resort
- 117 Counsel
- 118 Vacillate
- 120 Submarine detectors
- 122 Muscle
- 123 Doctors of Muslim religion
- 124 Wine beverage
- 125 — confidence
- 126 Fr. river
- 127 Musical group
- 128 Advertisement
- 129 Family
- 130 Terra —
- 131 Inward
- 132 Israeli
- 136 Hires
- 139 Cuvee
- 140 —Magnon

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- By Steve Sanford
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- By Lois H. Jones
4. GKYEPJ GETUPJK LSEPA EM SEGK
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- By E. L. Livingston

- Best Week's Cryptograms
- Speeding tourist got flat taking sharp left turn at fork in the road.
 - Tortoise eats hare! Reptilian appetite seals fate of historic Aesopian race.
 - Old whispering pines tell huge wood's curious secrets.
 - Lost I.D. card is not really an identity crisis.

But students' strike call overwhelmingly obeyed

Hundreds quietly mark 1st year since Soweto clashes

JOHANNESBURG, June 16 (AFP). — Hundreds of Africans gathered today in churches throughout Soweto, the black African township 15 kms. from here, to mark the first anniversary of the Soweto violence in which some 600 people died.

Most workers in the township's one million population obeyed the Soweto Students Representative Council's (SSRC) call for a strike and shops were closed.

Heavily armed police patrols were patrolling the town-

ship and reportedly also guarding the African exits at Johannesburg Railway Terminal. Police were also patrolling other African townships after several stoning incidents, including attacks on buses in Pretoria. Fewer bus and rail travellers were reported by transport authorities.

The church services started in the morning with the main congregation gathering at the Catholic Regina Mundi Church. Africans were urged to visit graves of last year's victims later today.

Archbishop Timothy Bavin said that a 24-hour prayer meeting at the Anglican Cathedral, at which prominent white and black opponents of apartheid were to have spoken, had been turned into a silent vigil. Johannesburg Magistrate L. P. Francis earlier today banned a mass-meeting of students at Witwatersrand University due to be addressed by anti-apartheid opposition member of parliament Helelo Yuban. The white university's vice chancellor

has protested about the banning.

Local firms reported worker absenteeism ranging from 10 to 90 per cent with the strike call having varying effects in the different African townships surrounding the city. Observers estimated 60 to 70 per cent of African workers obeyed the SSRC call, which also set tomorrow as a general strike day.

The absenteeism came despite assurances from authorities that Africans who went to work would be protected from intimidation.

Shops and cinemas in Cape Town and Johannesburg's second largest African township Alexandra stayed closed today. Some food deliveries were made

only to the township's outskirts.

South African Radio early today reported two overnight bomb explosions in Soweto, causing minor damage to railway lines. It said traffic would not be delayed. An African policeman was slightly wounded.

Many Africans who planned to work normally stayed out of Soweto last night for fear they would be prevented from travelling. Most employers had told black workers they would not be paid if they stayed home and some threatened absentees with the sack.

Other than the explosions and an unconfirmed report of the killing of an African demonstrator yesterday, Soweto remained calm if tense.

Dominican ex-minister charged in Fiat case

PARIS, June 16 (AFP). — An examining magistrate today charged a former Dominican Republic cabinet minister in connection with the kidnapping of Mr. Luchino Revelli-Beaumont, the head of Fiat motor's French branch seized here 64 days ago.

Mr. Hector Aristy, a long-time friend of Mr. Revelli-Beaumont, was charged with illegal detention and remanded in custody after being detained for questioning on Tuesday.

The Examining Magistrate, Charles Franceschi, was bearing testimony from other suspects in the case, and more indictments were believed possible.

Mr. Aristy had been serving as a go-between in negotiations between the kidnapers and the Revelli-Beaumont family.

Yesterday, Mrs. Revelli-Beaumont protested against the detention of Mr. Aristy, hitting

out at what she called the "tragic and unjust interference by police."

Police Commissioner Pierre Otaviovi said that he had proof that the executive was still alive yesterday.

Soviets allow U.S. newsman to leave

MOSCOW, June 16 (AFP). — U.S. news correspondent Robert Toth was authorised today to leave the Soviet Union after nearly 14 hours of interrogation in five days.

He was detained by the KGB (security police) on June 11 after a Soviet scientist gave him an article on mental telepathy.

Mr. Toth, 48, was released after three hours of questioning which he refused to sign a statement that he had received state secrets from a Soviet citizen.



FRISKING -- South African police at a checkpoint on the main Soweto highway frisk a group of young black commuters after stopping a bus on Thursday. All buses out of Soweto were flagged down and boarded by police at various entry and exit points to the township. (AP wirephoto)

Radio says Britons will carry Amin U.K. breaks off last ties with Uganda

LONDON, June 16 (Agencies) — Britain has broken off its remaining diplomatic links with Uganda, the Foreign Office announced today.

It has recalled the two diplomats attached to the French Embassy in Kampala who had represented Britain's interests in Uganda since the diplomatic break in relations last July.

At the same time, the Foreign Office has asked the Saudi Arabian Embassy here to close immediately its Ugandan interests section which has attended to Ugandan affairs since the earlier break.

This decision means that President Idi Amin's last London representative, Mr. Idi Osman, will most likely have to leave.

Meanwhile, Radio Uganda, monitored in Nairobi said today that some British nationals in Uganda have volunteered to carry President Amin 40 kms. shoulder high.

Quoting a military spokesman, the radio said the Britons would carry the field marshal, who weighs 117 kgs., in a litter to Kampala Conference Centre where the Ugandan finance minister is scheduled to deliver a budget speech.

The radio did not specify the date or give the route the litter will take. But observers in Nairobi estimated that President Amin will be travelling from State House in Entebbe, which is 40 kms. from the Kampala centre.

President Amin ordered recently that Britons should carry him on a litter in the way blacks had been forced to carry whites in colonial times. He said it would be his contribution to Queen Elizabeth's jubilee celebrations.

The Ugandan leader was last carried shoulder high by four British businessmen in 1975 at the Organisation of African Unity conference in Kampala. One

of the "porters" was Mr. Robert Scanlon, arrested last week for allegedly spying and reported to have died in Nakasero Prison within 48 hours of his arrest.

Britons in Uganda have been barred from leaving the country, and are not allowed to meet or travel in groups larger than three.

Desai: India won't develop atomic weapons

PARIS, June 16 (R). — Prime Minister Morarji Desai said here today that India would never develop atomic weapons and wanted to live in peace with Pakistan and all its neighbours.

Mr. Desai, who had talks with President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and Prime Minister Raymond Barre on his way home from the London Commonwealth conference told reporters:

"We will have no atomic weapons whatsoever under any circumstances.

"That is India's policy and it is going to remain so, as far as I can say. Even if every country in the world possessed atomic weapons, we shall not have them.

Answering a question, Mr. Desai said that if Pakistan wanted to use nuclear energy for peaceful purposes "then we shall certainly help them."

He added: "But we must also see there is no misuse of it."

France has told Pakistan a controversial nuclear reprocessing plant, a deal which U.S. President Carter has condemned because of fears of nuclear arms proliferation.

Malta to host Mediterranean socialist meet

BAGHDAD, June 16 (R). — An official of Iraq's ruling Baath Party left Baghdad today for the first conference of Socialist Parties in the Mediterranean, which opens in Malta on Monday, the Iraq News Agency reported.

He is Mr. Saad Qassem Hammoudi, member of the Publication and Information Bureau of the Baath International (pan-Arab) Leadership.

The agency said the conference would discuss "the possibilities of supporting liberation movements and socialist powers throughout the world against imperialism, Zionism and Fascism."

It will also discuss political, economic and cultural cooperation between the peoples of the area and turning the Mediterranean into a zone free from foreign military presence.

OFFICIAL ESCAPES NAMIBIAN AMBUSH

WINDHOEK, Namibia, June 16 (R). — Mr. Jozelle de Wet, a top white administrator of South West Africa (Namibia), said today more than 500 shots were fired at his car in a guerrilla ambush yesterday but he escaped unhurt. Mr. de Wet, 49, is Commissioner General for the indigenous peoples of the territory, which is ruled by South Africa in defiance of United Nations resolutions. He told reporters today that the ambush took place early yesterday in the northern Ovambo region, where guerrillas of SWAPO (South West Africa People's Organisation) are seeking to overthrow white rule.

Exiled Czech dissident pledges to continue support for Charter 77

VIENNA, June 16 (Agencies) — Exiled Czechoslovak dissident Zdenek Mlynar, one of Prague's most vociferous critics and a top advisor to former Communist Party leader Alexander Dubcek today pledged his continued support to Czechoslovak human rights activists.

In his first statement since leaving Czechoslovakia on Monday, the 46-year-old lawyer told a press conference here he decided to emigrate to Austria because he could not get qualified work in Prague.

Mr. Mlynar was sacked as an entomologist at Prague's National Museum last January after he signed the Charter 77 human rights manifesto demanding more basic freedoms in Czechoslovakia.

At first he refused an offer of an exit visa entitling him to move to Austria with his wife Irena Dubska. But he changed his mind after losing an appeal against his dismissal.

According to the latest charter document released last week, more than 80 signatories and sympathisers of the manifesto have lost their jobs since it was made public in January.

In his prepared statement, Mr. Mlynar said he was unable

to move about freely in Czechoslovakia to meet friends because of constant police surveillance.

"This was an immediate result of my political attitude, first and foremost of my active support for the Charter 77," he declared.

Referring to the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia which ended Mr. Dubcek's eight-month liberal regime, Mr. Mlynar said the short-lived government would still have widespread popular support "if freedom of speech and political discussion had not been suppressed.

"The present regime can survive only as a result of the armed intervention of 1968," he added.

Mr. Mlynar, who intends to resume his work here as an entomologist, said he would try to mobilise help for charter members "suffering from repressive measures" and would continue his political activity in support of human rights activists campaigning for more democratic freedoms in Czechoslovakia.

In Prague, a source close to the charter movement said today that another 133 Czechoslovak citizens have signed the Charter 77.

Charter spokesman Jiri Hasek sent the list of 133 new signers to Czechoslovak autho-

rities on June 13, the source said.

A total of 750 citizens have now signed the charter. Only one has reportedly withdrawn his signature.

The list of signers was the 11th document sent to authorities by the "Charterists". Observers believed the charter militants wanted to show just before the Belgrade conference opened that pressure against them since January has not frightened people from joining them.

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Filipino-Moslem clashes reported

ZAMBOANGA CITY, June 16 (AFP). — Clashes with Moslem rebels in the last two weeks have cost the lives of four members of government forces, Filipino military sources said today.

Thirty-one soldiers and civilian home defenders were wounded, the sources said.

A truce between the Philippines government and Moslem rebels had prevailed since December in the Mindanao-Sulu region, 800 kms. south of Manila. But formal talks between the two sides broke down last April.

The rebellion is spearheaded by the Libyan-backed Moro National Liberation Front (MNLF) which has been fighting for Moslem self-rule in the Mindanao-Sulu region since 1972.

The sources said the incidents took place in Lanao Sur and Basilan Provinces and on Jolo Island in Sulu, situated east and south of this tourist city which serves as headquarters of the Southern Military Command, the government's fighting arm against the MNLF.

On trial, has played no small part. The weakening of the JSP, reflected by the setback suffered during the legislative elections last December, has been chiefly due to the lack of political realism shown by the party leaders, whose doctrinaire attitude alienated large sectors of the electorate.

But above all, both parties have been victims of factionalism, a chronic disease of Japanese politics. A break-away by six LDP deputies last year gave birth to a dangerous rival to the LDP that may attract Conservative votes. The New Liberal Club (NLC) has already gained 18 seats in the lower house during last December's elections.

A split created by Mr. Saborio, an elderly Socialist leader and former party Vice Chairman, led to the founding of the Socialist Citizens' League (SCL). Many militants and elected officials followed Mr. Eda, leaving the Socialist Party badly disorganised on the eve of elections.

The decline of the ruling LDP during the last few years has been caused by the normal "wear and tear" of being in power for a party that has virtually led the country since the end of the war. But the Lockheed scandal, for which former Premier Kakuei Tanaka is now

French assembly approves direct elections for European Parliament

PARIS, June 16 (AFP). — The French Government cleared a tricky political hurdle on Wednesday by forcing the National Assembly to approve the idea of direct elections to the Parliament of the European Economic Community (EEC).

In spite of objections from its parliamentary allies, the government turned the vote into a confidence matter ensuring that its bill had the tacit approval of the chamber.

The Gaullist Rally for the Republic (RPR), mainstay of the

government's parliamentary support, said it was unhappy with direct elections, fearing that they would undermine national sovereignty.

The RPR wanted the debate and ensuing vote to be postponed until after the French legislative elections in March next year.

The bill will pass automatically unless a censure motion -- regarded as unlikely -- is lodged within 24 hours.

Prime Minister Raymond Barre ensured the bill's passage by making the vote one of confidence in the government -- "engaging the government's responsibility" as it is termed -- since members of parliament of the ruling coalition clearly wanted to avoid a government crisis.

RPR leader Jacques Chirac, Mr. Barre's predecessor as prime minister, solemnly warned the government not to use this constitutional device to force the bill through.

The two-day debate could well leave a bitter after-taste among the ruling coalition since it was unable to forge any common ground on the European Parliament question.

Mr. Barre and Foreign Minister Louis de Guiringaud assured members that the government's planned safeguards would remove any danger to French sovereignty.

The premier noted that France had in the past rejected the idea of re-negotiating the treaties and agreements on which the EEC was founded and could not change its mind now.

"We should not fear the power of universal suffrage for France or for Europe," he declared.

He added later: "Can France watch from the shadows as history passes it by?" Direct elections to the European Parliament were a mark of confidence in the future of Europe and of France, Mr. Barre said.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

* WASHINGTON, June 16 (R). — The U.S. Senate has passed a \$5.1 billion foreign lending bill giving fresh emphasis to President Carter's human rights campaign but opposing international loans to Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. The legislation approved on Tuesday night calls on the U.S. delegation to the Belgrade conference on the Helsinki accords to "reiterate the commitment of the American people to human rights." Another provision expresses the Senate's "sense of disgust" for Uganda President Idi Amin, whose government has been accused of widespread atrocities.

* CAIRO, June 16 (R). — Mr. Abdul Aziz Abdulghani, Prime Minister of North Yemen arrived here today on a few-day visit to Egypt for talks expected to deal with prospects of convening an Arab summit and the latest Middle East developments. Mr. Abdulghani said on arrival that the talks would deal with development of bilateral relations in various fields as well as Arab relations. North Yemen has called earlier for an Arab summit to discuss the Middle East situation following the victory of the rightwing Likud Party in last month's Israeli general elections.

* ATHENS, June 16 (AFP). — Senior Greek army officers have recently plotted to assassinate Prime Minister Constantine Karamanlis and Centrist opposition leader George Pavlos in a bid to restore exiled King Constantine to the throne, a member of parliament has alleged here. Former military junta leaders Col. George Papadopolous and Dimitrios Ioannides were also on the death list, according to Centre Democratic Union deputy M.C. Boudouras.

* PEKING, June 16 (R). — China today used an official visit by Congolese Prime Minister Sylvain Goma to launch another attack on Soviet strategy in Africa. M. Goma was met at Peking Airport by Chairman Hua Kuo-feng, Vice Premier Li Hsien-nien and the customary ranks of cheering, chanting children. A welcoming editorial in the People's Daily newspaper praised the "courageous Congolese people" and strongly criticised the Kremlin, alleging it had plotted an armed invasion of Zaire.

* HONG KONG, June 16 (R). — Sudanese President Jaafar Nimeiri left Sinking by special plane today, ending his official visit to China, the New China News Agency reported. While he was in Peking, the president had talks with Chinese Communist Party Chairman Hua Kuo-feng and Vice Premier Li Hsien-nien and signed an agreement on economic and technical cooperation with the Chinese government.

* LAUSANNE, June 16 (R). — Prosecution and defence lawyers today made their final speeches to a military tribunal trying the former chief of Switzerland's Air Raid Protection forces on charges of giving defence secrets to the Soviet Union. The hearing, which began last Tuesday, continued behind closed doors. The court will reopen to the public only to announce its verdict, expected late today or tomorrow. Brig. Jean-Louis Jeanmaire, 57, faces a maximum 20 years jail if convicted on a charge of treason and possible additional terms for "passive corruption". His wife, Marie-Louise, 60, is standing trial with him on charges of complicity.

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THANK YOU -- President Mobutu Sese Seko of Zaire (left) is warmly welcomed on arrival at Rabat Airport by King Hassan II of Morocco. President Mobutu arrived in Rabat on Tuesday to express his thanks for the help given by Moroccan troops in defeating an invasion of Zaire's Shaba Province from neighbouring Angola earlier this year. (AP wirephoto)

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